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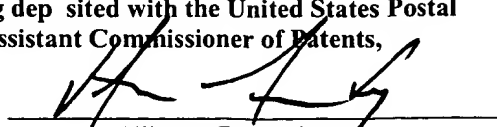


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

These amendment and remarks are in response to the Final Action of April 23, 2002.

Entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks are respectfully solicited, so as to clarify issues and put the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully point out that the Examiner has apparently misinterpreted the nature of Applicants' invention. The reasons for this conclusion are set forth in great detail herein. In part, however, Examiner's warning that "applicant is strongly advised to rewrite the claim to avoid confusion" is clearly indicative of some level of confusion leading to improperly founded rejections. See Final Action, page 4, last sentence of item 6.

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